

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., April 26, 1994.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest.

Members absent: Councilman Larry D. Brookshier.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on April 12, 1994, were approved as distributed.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried, the following item was added to the agenda: Executive Session, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for consultation with legal counsel on: 1. litigation; 2. consolidation issues.

Mayor Shelton reported that Bedford County Schools' "Dare Day" is scheduled for May 19 at Liberty Lake Park.

Mr. John Barrett, Bedford Lifesaving & First Aid Crew, stated that the Life Saving Crew supports the new proposed 800 MHz radio system, but would like to be furnished with hand-held radios for each member on the roster. Mr. Mike Burnette, Chief of the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department, stated that the Fire Department is in agreement with the Bedford Life Saving & First Aid Crew.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. William Ludwig, Chairman of the Bedford City School Board, gave a report to Council, which included the following:

Block scheduling for Liberty High School will be implemented as the basis for curriculum beginning in the fall.

Asked that Council take into consideration several areas for update and clerical changes in the contract for schools with Bedford County.

Requested that Council reconsider its position on the after-school program at Bedford Elementary School.

Mr. Ludwig read aloud a resolution adopted by the City School Board indicating the immediate need for a gymnasium and its associated facilities for the Middle School and community use. The resolution also requested that steps and measures be taken to evaluate present facilities, and construction or additions (gymnasium, class room, other facilities) for the Middle School and community needs to be met at the current location.

Mayor Shelton stated that City Council has discussed this issue, and that funds are included in this year's proposed budget for engineering analysis for that facility.

City Manager Gross stated that the City has received the settle-up billing for shared governmental services from Bedford County, based upon the County's audited financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1993. Mr. Gross indicated the billing shows that the City owes an additional \$126,067. The FY 1993-94 budget contains \$60,000 for this settle-up; therefore, an appropriation of \$66,067 is necessary from the unappropriated surplus in order to meet this financial obligation.

The City Manager stated that this is based on the fact that the original billing was figured on 880 students attending the schools, and the actual enrollment was 910, which accounts for the discrepancy. Mr. Gross indicated that next year the City will ask Bedford County to give a mid-year report on the total students and adjust the monthly billing based on that figure.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council appropriate \$66,067 from the unappropriated surplus to Account No. 0909109101030094 for shared governmental services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1993. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Brookshier	absent
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

City Manager Gross stated that a draft of the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 1994-95 was being submitted for Council's review. This annual financial plan proposes the balanced revenues and expenditures for the next fiscal year. Mr. Gross indicated that the proposed budget could be generally categorized as a "maintenance" budget which provides for the numerous municipal improvement projects which are now under way. It sustains a fiscal strategy for the major projects proposed for the near future.

The City Manager reviewed various highlights of the proposed budget.

Mr. Barry Thompson, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget. Figures in the proposed budget included:

Cash carry over	\$ 1,654,400
Revenues	<u>20,323,581</u>
	\$22,977,981
Expenditures	\$21,767,005
Contingency	<u>1,210,976</u>

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Council concurred to schedule a public hearing on the budget at the regular Council meeting of May 24, 1994. It was also the consensus of Council that a work session on the proposed budget be held on May 17, 1994, at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote, Council adjourned into Executive Session, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for consultation with legal counsel on: 1. litigation; 2. consolidation issues. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	absent
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:50 p.m. Non-council members attending were: City Manager Gross, City Attorney Berry, Electric Utility Director Socha, and Clerk of the Council Hatcher.

Council reconvened into open session at 9:29 p.m.. The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution:

Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	absent

Councilwoman Grahame aye

Councilman Otey aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Councilman Vest stated that a suggestion has been made that trees be planted along Independence Boulevard. Mr. Vest indicated that the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission or Master Gardeners could possibly be involved.

A brief discussion ensued.

Further discussion ensued regarding the proposed 800 MHz radio system.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m. until April 28, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Bedford County Board of Supervisors in the Circuit Court Room of the Bedford County Court House.